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CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO UNIDO

1. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO VIENNA BEESLEY CALLED ON IO
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOREY TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS
FOR THE UNIDO SECOND GENERAL CONFERENCE IN MARCH 1975.
HE DESCRIBED CALL AS AN EFFORT TO FIND WAYS TO IMPROVE
CHANCES OF CONSTRUCTIVE OUTCOME FOR CONFERENCE AND SAID
CANADA IS CONSULTING WITH A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS
AND SEVERAL LDC'S ON BOTH THE BROAD ECONOMIC POLICY
QUESTIONS OF THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION AND
ALSO ON THE ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS BEARING ON THE ROLE
AND FUTURE OF UNIDO. HE SAID THE US DELEGATION HAD A
REPUTATION OF HAVING A SERIOUS INTEREST IN UNIDO AND OF
TRYING TO WORK WITH THE LDC'S IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY, SO
HE HOPED WE COULD REINFORCE EACH OTHER'S EFFORTS.

2. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED FOR A DETAILED EXPOSITION OF OUR
STANDS ON THE MANY POLICY ISSUES INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT
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DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION, AND WE TOLD HIM THAT OUR

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DELEGATION IN VIENNA HAD THE NECESSARY MATERIALS AND WAS SHARING THEM WITH THE OTHER WEO'S.

3. HE SAID HE SEES UNIDO AND THE UNIDO CONFERENCE AS PROVIDING FORUMS FOR THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TO MEET

WITH THE LDC'S AND EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE ISSUES AND PROCESSES OF INDUSTRIALIZATION. HOPEFULLY THIS CONDUIT FOR THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS MIGHT INFLUENCE POLICIES ON BOTH SIDES, AND NOT SERVE SIMPLY AS AN LDC BATTERING RAM AGAINST THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.

4. AMB. BEESLEY ASKED ABOUT THE LEVEL OF OUR DELEGATION TO UNIDO II AND WAS TOLD IT WOULD NOT BE HEADED BY A MAN OF CABINET RANK, BUT WE HAVE NOT DECIDED YET ON THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL BELOW THAT. WE ARE CONCERNED WITH HAVING SOMEONE WHO HAS HAD EXPERIENCE IN HANDLING THE WIDE RANGE OF CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES WE EXPECT WILL BE COMING UP.

5, ON THE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR UNIDO, HE SAID HE KNEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY KHENE QUITE WELL AND FELT THAT HE RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR A DEPUTY BUT WAS NON-COMMITTAL ON HOW HE WOULD HANDLE THAT ISSUE. IN RESPONSE TO AMB. BEESLEY'S QUESTION ON THE PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND WE SAID WE WERE GENERALLY OPPOSED TO NEW FUNDS IN THE UN SYSTEM, BUT WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER THIS ONE FURTHER.

6. HE SAID THAT IN CANADA CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO WAYS OF ENCOURAGING PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICES WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BY ESTABLISHING STANDARDS, DOING INSPECTIONS, PROVIDING INSURANCE TO COVER RISKS, AND IN OTHER WAYS APPLYING SOME OF THE TECHNIQUES WHICH HAD BEEN USED TO ASSIST AGRICULTURE, HOME BUILDING, ETC. WE SAID THAT WE WERE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO COOPERATE WITH THE INDUSTRIALIZATION OF LDC'S BY PROVIDING TRAINING, RECRUITING EXPERTS, PROVIDING TAX INCENTIVES FOR US INVESTMENT OVERSEAS, AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE WORLD AND REGIONAL BANKS FOR FUNDING ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE.
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7. AMB. BEESLEY LEFT AGREEING THAT FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE OF MUTUAL BENEFIT. HE SAID A CIRCULAR WAS GOING TO A NUMBER OF CANADIAN POSTS IN LDC'S INSTRUCTING THEM TO DISCUSS UNIDO II WITH THE GOVERNMENTS AND TO ASK WHAT THEY EXPECTED TO ACCOMPLISH AT THE CONFERENCE: WHETHER THEY SAW IT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS ISSUES FRANKLY WITH INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND TRY TO FIND

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COMMON GROUND OR WHETHER THEY WOULD FIND IT IN THEIR
INTERESTS TO SPEND TWO WEEKS HAMMERING THROUGH A DECLARA-
TION OF GENERAL STATEMENTS WITH WHICH THE INDUSTRIALIZED
COUNTRIES COULD NOT AGREE. KISSINGER

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